

Geoffrey Jacobs - Aviation Leader, Entrepreneur, and Public Servant

Raised in a blue-collar family in Portland, Oregon, I grew up with the understanding that hard work wasn't optional—it was expected. My mother worked as a postal employee, and my father advanced from an apprentice electrician to the owner of his own company. These values of determination, grit, and resilience have shaped every step of my journey.

To fund my education and pursue my dream of becoming a pilot, I held a variety of jobs, from driving trucks and bouncing at pool halls to escorting funeral processions on a motorcycle. After serving as a Navy veteran in the Persian Gulf and working as both a motor cop and pilot for the Arizona Highway Patrol, I went on to launch several businesses, including a charter airline that tested my perseverance and savings.

Currently, I serve as the System Chief Pilot and Captain for a regional airline in Florida, and I've founded nine successful ventures, including a coffee shop for my wife—because, as I often say, a caffeinated wife is key to a happy life.

Since 2019, I've expanded my service beyond aviation by taking on roles as City Commissioner, Police Commissioner, and Mayor, where I fought corruption and transformed a struggling community. This included ending a 42-year contract with the Broward Sheriff's Office and establishing a community-based police department that has become a model for law enforcement nationwide. Additionally, I serve on the National Legislative Advisory Committee for aviation, transportation, and veterans' affairs.

Now, I seek to bring my expertise in aviation, business, and public service to the board of Middle-Class United. My career has been dedicated to building organizations and communities from the ground up, whether it's launching businesses, reviving struggling entities, or creating law enforcement models that work for the people. I've lived the challenges of the middle class, working my way up through blue-collar jobs, military service, and entrepreneurship. With a commitment to hard work, integrity, and leadership, I am well-positioned to advocate for policies that rebuild the middle class. By drawing on my experience in leadership, business strategy, and government reform, I believe I can help Middle-Class United drive meaningful change to ensure working families can succeed in today's economy.